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WAR NEWS.

Mr. Robert Maxwell, the British amateur  
golf champion, whose leg was frozen, was  
sent in from the firing line to a London  
hospital.

The Morning Post's correspondent at  
Washington states that German soldiers  
have offered Western prisoners heavy  
bounties for large quantities of tinned  
meats, but the prisoners require payment  
for delivery at American ports. Goods  
cannot be shipped owing to the certainty  
of capture.

Sir James Dunlop Smith writes to The  
Advocate of India: With reference to the  
announcement of the engagement of Lady  
Ellen Elliot, eldest daughter of late Earl  
of Minto, to Capt. Lord Francis Scott,  
J.P.C., youngest brother of the Duke of  
Bedford, Lord Francis was seriously  
wounded recently in France, and is now  
in a nursing home in London. He is now  
out of danger, but his recovery will be  
slow.

There was a to-do the other day at on  
of the "Pala" Battalion camp. There  
had been night work practice, and during  
the practice a message was sent off from  
one end of the line to the other, passing  
in a whisper from man to man. This is  
how it left the right flank: "Enemy  
advancing, right flank, send reinforcements."  
This is how it reached the left  
flank: "Enemy advancing with lam-  
shank; send three-and-a-half."

The London correspondent of the  
"Nottingham Guardian" states that some  
beautiful fighting is going on quite in the  
East all over the globe, wherever a British  
subaltern in charge of a platoon secures a  
pickethole anywhere near him. The way  
they do things in some of the odd corners  
of the Empire, where they are comparatively  
free from Marauders, is very pretty. The  
officer in charge of a certain "interland"  
received from his superior officer at the  
base some time in August 1914 a message:  
"We have been declared. Arrest all enemy  
aliens in your district." With commendable  
promptitude the superior officer  
received this reply: "Have arrested seven  
Germans, four Russians, two Frenchmen,  
five Italians, two Roumanians, and an  
American. Please say who we're at war  
with."

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
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company will be held at the Company's  
Office, Victoria Buildings on WEDNES-  
DAY the 10th February, 1915 at Noon  
for the purpose of receiving the report of  
the Directors together with statement of  
Accounts for the year ending 31st Decem-  
ber, 1914.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the  
COMPANY will be CLOSED from WED-  
NESDAY 3rd to WEDNESDAY, 10th  
February, 1915 (both days inclusive) during  
which period no Transfer of Shares can be  
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By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHEKTON HOOPER,

Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT

& AGENCY Co. Ltd.

Agents for

The KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING

Co. Ltd.

Hongkong, Jan. 28, 1915. 81

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY  
MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this  
Corporation will be held at the City  
Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the  
20th day of February, 1915, at Noon, for  
the purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Court of Directors together with a State-  
ment of Accounts to 31st December, 1914.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the  
Corporation will be CLOSED from MON-  
DAY, the 8th February, to SATURDAY,  
the 20th February, 1915, (both days  
inclusive), during which period no Transfer  
of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

N. J. STABB,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 3, 1915. 103

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TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

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8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

8.10 p.m. to 11.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of  
an hour.

SUNDAY.

7.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

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1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

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## THE DIARY.

### MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.

Non-Kowloon Land and Building  
Co's Meeting.

### General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, February 12 —

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Teak wood and Blackwood Furniture etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hought.

SATURDAY, February 13 —

8 p.m.—Kowloon Cricket Club's Annual Dinner.

SATURDAY, Feb. 13 & Monday, Feb. 15 —

H.K. Cricket Club v. K. Cricket Club on H.K. Ground.

SUNDAY, February 14 —

St. Valentine's Day. Chinese New Year Day.

MONDAY, February 15 —

Chinese New Year Holiday. Operatic Night of the Italian Grand Opera Coy.

MONDAY, Feb. 15 & Tuesday, Feb. 16 —

6 p.m.—Concert at Italian Grand Opera in aid of Belgian Relief Fund.

TUESDAY, February 16 —

General Holiday.

WEDNESDAY, February 17 —

Asb Wednesday.

THURSDAY, February 18 —

3 p.m.—Auction of a Motor Car for benefit of Prince of Wales Fund, at Messrs. Hughes and Hought.

SATURDAY, February 20 —

Non-Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Meeting.

MON. 22, TUE. 23 & WED. Feb. 24 —

Hongkong Jockey Club Race Meeting.

THURSDAY, February 25 —

Entries close for the Annual Flower and Vegetable Show.

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There can be little doubt but that the barbarous Germans among other schemes had cast envious eyes upon this rich mineral prize in Belgium and France.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Inspectors Terrell and Kent of the Hongkong City Constabulary are leaving by the P. and O. "Oriental" on Friday on nine months' leave.

Mr. A. K. Venables, late of this Colony, has been granted a temporary commission as Engineer Lieutenant and appointed to H.M.S. Victory. He was formerly in the employ of Messrs. Jack and Co., Ltd.

### HONGKONG GIFTS TO THE SOLDIERS AND REFUGEES.

Expressions of Thanks.

Lady May has received the following letter from Miss Lloyd Thomas, in acknowledgment of a box of clothing (200 garments) sent on November 20th last by the courtesy of the shipping firms—  
Hoxton, N.

Dear Lady May,—It is very kind of you and the ladies of Hongkong to entrust us with some of your gifts to the men at the front and their wives and families. I know that they will be much appreciated and we will try and arrange that they may go where they are really needed. Many of the women under the care of the S.S.F.A. in Hoxton, are already getting good allowances from the Government and from their husbands, but at this time of the year there is much sickness among the children, and warm clothes are a great boon where they can be given at once. The men's clothes will be very useful to men who may be discharged medically unfit or wounded, and the warm things our women's husbands will no doubt be glad of when they get their orders for the front again. Again thanking you very much.

Yours sincerely,

H. Lloyd Thomas,  
Vice-President S.S.F.A.

The following is an extract from Lady Lugard's second letter of thanks acknowledging the receipt of a parcel containing 204 garments for the Belgian refugees, sent off on November 6th—  
"Thank you all very much for sending us more clothes. The place to send them to is 23, Warwick Square, 6/6 Lady Emmott. We have there a clothing establishment from which we have now issued upwards of 400,000 garments. You may imagine the comfort it has been to these poor denuded refugees."  
The following donations have been sent home to Lady Lugard for the Belgian Relief Fund—

Mr. Ho Tung	100	0	0
Collected at a ladies' Bridge tournament at Kingsclere, 1896	14	13	0
Sir Henry May	25	0	0
	139	13	0

### R.G.A. COMPETITIONS.

A series of interesting competitions in which the N.C.O.s and men of the 82nd Co. R.G.A. at Lyceum and Devil's Peak engaged has just concluded.

The first competition was for N.C.O.s and men who have taken part in the 82nd Co. R.G.A. and who have knowledge of all ships and flags and orders as to their leaving or entering harbour. The results were very close the prize winners being 1. Gunner Daning; 2. Bombr. Elderfield; 3. Gunner Bailey.

Competitors in the second event were required to walk five miles in seventy-five minutes and at the end of the journey to fire ten shots in sixty seconds at first-class figure targets at a range of 400 yards. There were competitors and all but one completed the distance within the specified time. The prize winners were Gunner Stanton, 1. Gunner McCreedy, 2. Gunner Ball and Harrison (tied) 3.

Great interest was taken in the third event, a tug-of-war between the Pak-sha and Devil's Peak detachments. Both teams were in good training. The conditions were best of three twelve foot pulls. Devil's Peak won the toss and pulled their men over. Pak-sha had their opponents almost over in the second attempt, but Devil's Peak rallied and won the competition. The coaches were Gunner Davis, Devil's Peak, and Sgt. Wade, Pak-sha.

Several further events are to be decided this week.

### DON'T RISK PNEUMONIA.

GET rid of every cold as quickly as possible. It is the forerunner of all pulmonary trouble, and pneumonia may develop in a few hours. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It's a simple thing.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

On the back page of this issue will be found some interesting news items.

Major Stair Stewart was fired off this morning for allowing his dog to stray without a muzzle on Plantation Road, The Peak.

While walking along Bonham Strand East yesterday, a Chinese shopkeeper was robbed of a purse containing \$65, a deposit receipt for \$5,350, and a passport for Cuba.

A telegram from Madrid says that the Queen of Spain, two of her children, the Infante Lou Jaime, and the Infanta Beatriz, and also the Princess Batrix of Sax-Coburg, are suffering from scarlet fever.

The annual prize distribution at Queen's College took place yesterday, E. E. the Governor, presenting the prizes and making an interesting speech. Owing to the master in charge of certain of the arrangements being sick, the usual invitations to the Press were inadvertently forgotten to be sent.

The Great Northern Steamship Company announce that their s.s. Minnesota, will leave from Hongkong for Seattle, Wash., via Manila, P.I., Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama on Saturday, 27th March. This palatial steamer has passenger accommodation unequalled by any vessel in the Trans-Pacific trade, at reduced first class fares.

The Hon. Mr. Hewett, C. M. G., Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. at Hongkong, informs us that he received this morning a telegram from the Company's Agent at Port Said stating that the "Malaja" was then in the Canal and "all well." The passengers who left in the "Aradon" on the 10th ult. transhipped to the "Malaja" at Colombo.

### AN ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

Bail of \$1,000 Estimated.

Mr. Wood this afternoon sat to adjudicate in two charges against Chik Man Po of 16, The Mt. Allen, Queen's Road E. at which he was accused of falsifying the books of a firm of shark-fin dealers of which he was a partner, and also with embezzling \$800 belonging to the firm. Mr. Agassiz appeared to represent Mr. Dixon defended at the previous adjournment. Defendant had been admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,000 and security had been filed with the Court. Defendant was absent when called and Mr. Agassiz applied to enter the bail and for the execution of a new warrant. The two justices were also asked. Mr. Agassiz said he understood that defendant had no further intention. Mr. Wood entered the bail and issued a warrant for defendant's arrest.

### HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Major D. Macdonald.

#### REMOVAL.

Pte. R. W. Barney is permitted, to resign, dated 8, 2, 15.

There will be no lecture on Thursday, 11th inst.—Thursday, 18th February Lt. Col. Moberly, D.S.O.

#### PARADE.

Parade for Wednesday, 10th instant Nil.

#### DETAILS.

Orderly Officer Lieut. Kennett. Orderly Sergeant Smt. Cooper. To furnish Guard to Light Centre Section M. G. Co.

#### To furnish Guard to narrow Civil Service Company.

### ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:

Gibb, Livingstone and Co., Ltd. ... 25  
J. W. Humphreys and Co., Ltd. ... 25  
J. D. Humphreys and Co., Ltd. ... 25  
W. G. Humphreys and Co., Ltd. ... 25  
Johnson, Stokes, and Master ... 25  
Kinwood and Davies ... 25  
R. R. Martz and Co. ... 25  
Holland China Trading Co., Ltd. ... 25

### CORPORAL'S REVENGE.

A Belgian who contrived to escape from Belgium describes the following dramatic incident in a letter to the Petit Parisien:—  
A convoy of French prisoners, mostly wounded, was stopped to make way for a motorcar which was conveying stores to a battery of howitzers drawn up in the neighbourhood of the village of Pommerehne. A little French corporal of the line with his right arm in a sling. A Prussian lieutenant of Hussars, wearing an eyeglass, stopped near him, eyed him from head to foot, and then, in a second the Frenchman's left was out like a steel spring, and with a fine knock-out blow, felled the Prussian to the ground, his mouth streaming with blood. At once a gigantic Bavarian brutally seized the Tommy and carried him off. The writer added that he heard afterwards that the corporal had been shot.

### A FORTY YEARS' TEST.

CHAMBERLAIN'S Cough Remedy has been curing coughs and colds for forty years, and has gained its popularity in every year. What better remedy could there be?

### TRAINING NOTES.

Weather conditions at the Race Course this morning were better than has been the case lately; the air was mild but not so muggy and the valley was quite clear. There was no wind. The grass course, on which hurdles were full out from the rail, was good going, but not so fast as the sand track.

English Chief and Saxon Chief went in company over a mile without overtaking themselves, finishing a dead-heat. Irish Chief and Scottish Chief went together over a mile, cutting out the pace in better time, 2.17.2, last quarter 32.2; the Irishman beat the Scot by a short head on the post. Wild Cat put up 2.17.2 for the mile, last quarter 31.2. Dunbarin and Grayling were taken on the grass (separately) finishing well outside the hurdles. The times do not appear good, but they seemed to be moving well; both finished in 32.3. Sunstar Duhla cut out a fast half on the sand, 2.14.30=1.02.4. We understand his trainer is willing to back him for the Challenge Cup against any other pony, except, of course, a pony in the same stable. Neptune, giving the appearance of going easily, covered a mile in 2.13; the quarters being 34.3, 34.2, 34.3, 32. The Bird assailed a mile and a quarter, but after negotiating the first mile in 2.20.3, took 35.2 for the last quarter, finishing "little time." Kukri also; his first mile was 2.16, but the whole time was 2.50.4. Whiteby put up a nice gallop, finishing in 31.1. The Duke Dahlia's half mile on the sand was 1.04, but the last quarter was "clocked" as being covered in under 30 seconds. The times taken to-day and yesterday will be found on page 3.

### WAR AND THE FLOUR MARKET.

Non Delivery and a Disputed Custom.

In a Summary action which came before him this morning the Judge was asked to decide, on a mass of conflicting evidence, the true price of a particular brand of flour in order that damages for non-delivery might be assessed, this being the only point at issue. The action was one by the L. O. firm of Winglock Street, against the

Fung On Hong of Bonham Strand, both of which firms are flour dealers, and the amount claimed was \$455 as damages for the non-delivery of 500 bags of Crescent brand bought by the plaintiffs from defendants under a written contract.

Mr. Dixon, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appearing for the plaintiffs, said the flour was bought in July last year at the price of \$2.09 a bag, but plaintiffs were unable to get delivery, though they continually pressed the defendants.

Mr. W. H. Hind, of Mr. G. K. Hall, Brokers' office, on behalf of the defendant firm admitted the breach of contract and said the only point at issue was the measure of the damages. The price of flour on the date in question, Nov. 27, 1914, was the only question which would be decided. Mr. Dixon had six witnesses, flour purchasers from big Chinese dealers, on his side, while he had the big flour dealers themselves and Mr. Hornby, of Messrs. Wright and Hornby, to give evidence for him.

From the correspondence which passed between the solicitors, read by Mr. Dixon, it appeared that on Nov. 8 defendants wrote informing plaintiffs that they were unable to procure the flour on account of the war, and claiming that according to the custom of the market the declaration of hostilities cancelled the agreement. They also alleged that plaintiffs failed to take delivery of the flour at the due date. In their reply defendants denied that there was any such custom on the market as alleged.

Mr. Dixon explained that the plaintiffs had sold the flour forward to a sub-purchaser, and they claimed \$4 a bag, being \$2.80, the market price on the date that delivery was due, and eleven cents a bag damages, which they had to pay to their sub-purchaser in lieu of delivery, they being unable to obtain the flour elsewhere. Defendants had paid into court \$255, representing a price of \$2.40 a bag, but plaintiffs claimed that the market price was 40 cents a bag more.

Mr. Justice Gumpertz asked how it was that plaintiffs claimed to know the market price of the flour though they admitted it was not procurable on the market.

Mr. Dixon replied that the defendants had the flour in stock, and were the only people in the colony who had it on that date.

His Lordship suggested that plaintiffs should have instructed a broker to purchase the flour from them, but Mr. Dixon said they adopted this course without success.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow to allow of further questions being put to Mr. Hornby by his Lordship.

### RUSSIA'S NEW DREADNOUGHTS.

Not only is Russia constantly increasing her naval forces in Poland, but on sea her fleet is also about to receive important additions. Thus the Petrograd correspondent of the New York Herald is informed by an English contractor to the Italian and Russian Ministries of Marine that the four new Russian dreadnoughts of the Gangut type that are being completed in the Baltic are now nearly ready. The sudden appearance of these ships may cause considerable surprise, as the correspondent was assured in Berlin that they could not be completed before the summer of 1915. The Gangut is a battleship of 23,000 tons displacement, which was launched in 1911. Her engines are of 49,000 indicated horse power, and her armament consists of twelve 12-inch and sixteen 4.7-inch guns, together with four submerged torpedo tubes.

### COMPANY MEETINGS.

#### UNION WATERBOAT CO.

The tenth annual meeting of shareholders in the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., was held at the offices of Messrs. D. Landale and Co., Ltd., this morning. D. Landale, Chairman, presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. W. C. Bonnar and R. Shawan, (directors), A. Skelton, J. Owen Hughes, T. G. Weill, A. E. Crapnell, G. R. Edwards, T. Kusumoto, J. Joakim, G. H. Morton, Smith (secretary), A. Ritchie and H. S. Bond.

The Chairman said: The profits for the year under review amount to \$58,048.03 as against \$54,744.63 for the previous year. The falling off is due, since the commencement of the war, to the loss of supplies to German steamers, and to the withdrawal for Government purposes of boats belonging to our regular customers, which we can only hope will be returned to their regular trades as soon as possible. A few of them I may have already been returned. In the circumstances I feel sure you will approve of carrying forward a larger sum than usual to the next account. Your property has been current revenue and no damage has been sustained. I am pleased to be able to report that one of your oldest boats was sold last year at a satisfactory price, and a further one has since been disposed of this year. A new boat was acquired in the early part of the year and will be completed in about two months' time. Your investments have been written down in accordance with the usual practice, and it is satisfactory to note that their book value today is below the present market value. I think, Gentlemen, there is nothing more for me to say, but before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may desire to ask.

No question was asked, and the report and accounts were adopted on the proposition of the chairman seconded by Mr. Owen Hughes, who said he thought the shareholders could congratulate themselves and particularly the general managers on the very satisfactory report they had presented containing that for a third of the year war conditions had prevailed.

Mr. A. O'D. Gourdian was reappointed auditor at a remuneration of \$100, on the motion of Mr. Weill seconded by Mr. Bonnar.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants are now ready.

#### HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO. LTD.

The annual meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, was held at the offices of the Company, Hotel Macao, at noon, to-day.

Honourable Mr. D. Landale presided, and there were present—Messrs. R. Shawan, P. H. Holyoak, H. W. Looker and Ho Tung, (Directors), W. E. Clarke, (Secretary), M. S. Northcote, F. Maitland, J. W. Holmes, H. Schluter, Ho Fock, J. W. Gordon, D. Macdonald, A. O'D. Gourdian.

The Chairman said:—It is with feelings of great regret that your Directors record the death of their late colleague, Mr. G. F. Friedman, who passed away on the 12th of March last. The annual report and statement of accounts, and the auditors' report attached, having been in your hands for the usual period, I will, with your permission, take them as read. The very poor result of the year's working can be accounted for by heavily increased expenditure in insurance, rates, coal supply, postage bills, due to low exchange, and extra cost of carrying out the provisions of the Piracy Prevention Ordinance. These increased expenses coupled with severe competition on all lines throughout the year and complete cessation of all cargo movement since the commencement of hostilities in August, as well as a large decrease in passenger traffic due to the same cause and the restricted movements of river steamers by the port regulations. The military defence cost for the Colony which have forced us to adopt restrictions of sailings and arrivals quite unequaled to our trade, with the result of paralyzing the passenger traffic on the Canton River, and diverting it toward the railway. The subject has been taken up by your Board and representatives have been made by the Chamber of Commerce to the Government asking for some remedy where possible.

There is a decrease in the number of passengers carried by the steamers of the company, a total of 279,463 on the Canton, Hongkong and Macao and Macao-Canton Lines compared with the figures for the year 1913. From the commencement of the year till May the Chinese Government has been taking a very active part in the result that Chinese could travel to Hongkong free and, by selling the return ticket, made a profit on the transaction. Our loss in exchange of gold coins amounted to \$88,863.25. This is a very large sum so you may imagine what it would have been if the earnings had been normal. Under clause 2 of the Commercial Treaty with China signed at Shanghai on the 29th September 1902 the Chinese Government undertook to return the amount of such losses. In operating the Hongkong line in order to check a new opposition on the Canton line the company incurred a serious loss. Owing to the floods up country and the unsettled condition existing amongst the people generally the West River joint services have been maintained at a loss during the year. Turning to the accounts you will notice a debit balance profit and loss account which we propose to carry forward. Your directors recommend that a dividend of 40 cents per share or \$12.00, be paid out of equalization of dividend account. This with the interim dividend of 60 cents or \$40.00 already paid makes a dividend for the year of 100 cents or \$60.00. The audited accounts showed a profit sufficient to warrant your board in paying the interim dividend mentioned. The provision made from the 1913 account to meet the cost of the extraordinary repairs on the steamer "Hoson" was well founded, and the amount has been debited to the fund mentioned. The value of steamers has been reduced by the amount of \$35,000, as provided for at the last

meeting and now stands at \$1,337,000. Value of wharves, hulks and mooring after writing down \$5,000 has been increased by additional cost \$21,247.34 of jointly owned wharf at Canton. Balance for the company's dayboat, which was sold for \$2,354.44 and balance of cost of expenditure of the Wing Lok Wharf \$4,786.00, value of shares in public companies has been reduced by sale of \$292,465.50 in order to repay the balance of outstanding loan of \$100,000 with the interest at 5 per cent. The balance of cost of extending the Wing Lok Wharf as already mentioned. In the adjustment of the fluctuation account an amount of \$20,772 has been debited to that fund which now stands at credit \$107,111.00. Loans on mortgages remain the same. \$167,000 was at last meeting, and the same has been surveyed and re-valued by the Co's. surveyors, Messrs. Palmer and Turner.

The loans advanced show a satisfactory margin of safety with one exception. With reference to this particular loan I am now pleased to tell you that it has been disposed of and 100 per cent advance recovered. The income from investments has automatically decreased by reduction in investments to meet the cost incurred in the natural line of our business.

"Taishan" has fully justified and maintained our best anticipations. With a return to normal times and conditions of trade I hope the company will resume its former position of moderate prosperity and, to that end, the shareholders may rest assured of the full support of your directors. For the first time since I have been enabled to make some very satisfactory reductions in cost of coal, premium on marine insurance of our fleet and on other items of expenditure. In conclusion I would remind you of the past years of successful working when you were in receipt of very satisfactory dividends while other steamship lines were working at a loss.

I cannot call to mind anything else calling for special mention. But should any shareholder require any further information, I shall have much pleasure in answering any questions.

Mr. M. S. Northcote, seconding the motion, which was unanimously carried, said all would deplore the untimely death of last year's working but he was sure all the shareholders realized the extraordinarily difficult position the managers had had to face and they were convinced that with the cessation of the war the fortunes of the company will quickly return to their normal condition.

The confirmation of the appointment of Messrs. H. W. Looker and Ho Tung as directors was proposed by Mr. F. Maitland, seconded by Mr. M. S. Northcote and agreed to.

The re-election of Messrs. D. Landale and P. H. Holyoak, who retired from the Board by rotation, was proposed by Mr. F. Maitland, seconded by Mr. M. S. Northcote, and unanimously carried.

Messrs. A. O'D. Gourdian and Maitland were appointed auditors for the year ending 31st March on the motion of Mr. Ho Fock seconded by Mr. Bonnar.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants are now ready and may be had on application.

### THE HIGHLANDS IN WAR TIME.

(From Our Scottish Correspondent.)

"There is a strain in the heart of the Central Highlands where Londoners, wearied with the endless round of social duties, spend the happiest and healthiest days of their lives, where most, jaded with business cares, forget their worries for two short months, and the very wildest of which acts as a tonic on tired nerves over-whelmed with the strain of modern life."

After telling how the task of the recruiting officer in the Glen is light, for almost all who can go to the hills, he proceeds:—"From a croft near the road in the strath of Strathmore through the darkness. The door opens and a light steps out into the moonlight night. Big Angus, who carried everything before him at the games, has been teaching him to play summer. The boy needs little teaching, for the gift of music is in his blood, and his heart is now well-tuned to the strains of all by the war. Well-toned we can hear the tunes he plays, the pibrochs, the laments, and the marches, but it is the pibrochs he loves most of all."

"Fibroch of Donnall Dhu, Pibroch of Donnall, Raise thy wild voice a new, summer Glen Coven."

Come away, come away, back to the summons, Come in your war-array, gaiters and commons."

The wild notes are echoed back by the hills, and the boys playing for a while; his heart is with his father, his Angus, at the front, and he is longing for the day when he too can bear arms for his country."

"Leave the deer, leave the deer, leave the deer, Come in your war-array broadsword and target."

Come from deep glen and from mountain and pibroch and pannon are at feverish."

The most stirring perhaps of all the gathering's songs halts for a moment as the lad thinks of his sire leading the charge with his pipes, while the laymen does his stately work, and then once more comes the call which is now throbbing from our country's wounds.

"Come away, come away, back to the summons."

The writer sums up thus:—"The spirit is the same now as it was in the days of old. Though the ancient clan system is now the surface partially faded away, though the clans are no more, and though the days of the blood feuds are happily past, the instinct of loyalty to his chief has helped to fill the ranks of many a Highland battalion in recent days. One chief, the Earl of Argyll, has enlisted every available man in his district. Those who laughed at the recruiting officer, who had long held out against the temptation to join the 'Territor,' as it were, to one word of their hereditary chieftain, were now cheering to his word to fill



## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

## THE TOTAL BRITISH CASUALTIES.

## ARTILLERY DUELS AND INFANTRY ACTIONS IN FRANCE.

## RUSSIA ADVANCING ON HUNGARY.

## TOTAL BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Feb. 8, 4.45 p.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith stated that our total casualties up till the 4th inst. amounted to 104,000 of all ranks.

## THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

## ANOTHER BRITISH SUCCESS NEAR LA BASSEE.

LONDON, Feb. 7, 5.50 p.m.

To-day's Paris *communiqué* says:—Along the Belgium front there was quiet. The British near La Bassee carried a brickfield in front of them to the east of Cunchy, where the Germans had hitherto maintained themselves. There was an artillery duel elsewhere, except for an attack by half a battalion at Beau Sejour, which we repulsed. A thick fog prevails in the hills of the Vosges.

## SMALL ATTACKS NEAR NIEUPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 8, 12.50 a.m.

The Paris evening *communiqué* states that the enemy on Saturday night delivered several small attacks in the region of Nieuport. All were repulsed. No report has been received regarding to-day's operations, except a bombardment of the northern quarter of Soissons.

## ARTILLERY DUELS AND INFANTRY ACTIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 8, 4.45 p.m.

A Paris *communiqué* stated:—Mostly artillery duels took place yesterday, but a violent infantry action was opened by the Germans at Bagatelle. The latest reports state that our positions were maintained. We made a successful *coup de main* on a German trench to the south-west of Carency. Elsewhere our artillery gained advantages and checked infantry in an attempt to the north of Massiges.

## THE FIGHT ON THE CANAL.

## ENEMY SOLDIERS DESERTING AND SURRENDERING.

LONDON, Feb. 8, 1.15 a.m.

The Press Bureau announces that a message received from Cairo on the 6th inst. states that no further fighting has occurred at the Canal. Beside the Arabs, a number of Amulian and Turkish soldiers are deserting and surrendering. They are dependent on the failure of the attack on the 2nd inst. Some state that they attempted to re-join their regiments, but they saw German and Turkish officers shooting the runaways, so they thought it safer to surrender. None of the enemy who were engaged in the recent fighting have reached the west bank of the Canal, except the prisoners, and four soldiers whose escape has already been notified. No buildings in Ismailia were hit, and no shells entered the town. Most of the enemy's shells dropped into Lake Timsah.

## RUSSIANS ATTACKING THE HUNGARIAN BORDER.

LONDON, Feb. 8, 4.10 a.m.

A Petrograd *communiqué* says:—On the left bank of the Vistula, on the Ezura and Rawka, the cannonade continued on the 6th inst., but the enemy did not take the offensive. We attacked near the village of Kamioy, and made some progress against stubborn resistance. Fighting continues along the whole front in the Carpathians. We broke the enemy's resistance at three fortified positions near Mesolaboroz and pursued the enemy or several versts, capturing 2,533 men and a number of guns. Altogether over 10,000 prisoners and 87 field and machine-guns have been captured in this region since the 24th January. The attacks of the enemy who crossed the Tusholka and Beskid Passes on the 5th inst. were repulsed with heavy loss, the enemy retreating in disorder. Our troops in Bukhovina have gradually fallen back, holding the offensive of strong enemy forces in hilly position. Nevertheless, the fighting in the southern Carpathians and in Bukhovina is proceeding in our favour. We captured 7,000 prisoners on the 4th inst.

## THE USE OF A NEUTRAL FLAG.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

A Foreign Office statement declares that the British Government has always recognised the use of a neutral flag by a merchant ship for the purpose of escaping capture as legitimate and involving no breach of International Law. Germany had announced its intention of doing, is nothing less than an act of piracy.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## DEATH OF LORD LONDON-DERRY.

LONDON, Feb. 8.

The death is announced, as the result of an attack of pneumonia, of the Marquis of Londonderry, G.C.V.O., K.G., P.C.

[Lord Londonderry, before succeeding to the title, represented County Down as a Unionist for six years, and two years after his accession to the Peerage he was appointed Viceroy of Ireland. He was in Mr. Balfour's Cabinet from 1900 to 1905, as Postmaster-General, President of the Board of Education, and Lord President of the Council. He had also acted as Chairman of the London School Board. The heir to the title is Viscount Castlereagh.—Ed.]

## THE UNIVERSITY.

The proceeds of the Garden Fete held at the University on Saturday, January 30th, amounted to \$2,773.06, and a cheque for this sum has been sent to the Hon. Treasurer of the Prince of Wales' National Relief Fund. The ladies of the University and the members of Council of the Students' Union, who together organized the fete, desire to express their most grateful thanks to all those who gave such ready help on this occasion. The entire corps of the Hongkong Volunteers, under the command of Lieut. Cowther Smith, deserve special mention for their active assistance in collecting the fees at the entrance gates and sidesteps, while Messrs. Ward, Foster and Parkinson added much to the gaiety of the occasion by their amusing display at the "open-air sidesteps."—Contributed.

## HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Orders by Major Wakeman, O.C.H.V.R.

PARADES. The weekly parade of A. R. and C. Companies will take place on Thursday, February 11th instead of Friday. Fall in on the Cricket ground at 5.15 p.m. dress drill-order. There will be no Squad drill on Thursday February 11th.

During the absence of Surgeon Capt. Black vide last orders, any member living in Kowloon can see Surgeon Lieut. Smalley about 1.45 p.m. at 14 Knutsford Terrace instead of attending at Headquarters in the morning.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor has been pleased to appoint Dr. G. M. Harston to be Surgeon Captain in the Volunteer Reserve, promotions.

Corpl. S. E. Green to be Sergeant. Corpl. A. B. Bryson to be Corpl. vice Corpl. F. J. Gillan, promoted. Corpl. C. W. Brett to be Corpl. vice Corpl. S. E. Green promoted. Pte. J. C. West to be Corporal. Pte. F. A. Fisher to be Corpl. vice Corpl. A. B. Bryson promoted. Pte. A. Charlton to be Corpl. vice Corpl. J. M. Aaron promoted. Pte. A. Lamb to be Corpl. vice Corpl. S. E. Green promoted. Pte. R. H. B. Mitchell to be Corpl. 1 Section.

Pte. W. M. Johnston to be Corpl. 1 Section. Pte. S. Gray to be Corpl. 1 Section. Pte. A. E. Webb to be Corpl. 1 Section. Pte. A. R. Cavalier to be Corpl. 4 Section. PROMOTIONS.

It is intended to select about 4 men from each Company to be trained, under 2nd Lt. Blount, as Scouts. Members who are willing and fit to undertake this work should send in their names to the Adjutant.

## THE GOVERNMENT AND DYERS.

## Business Men's Criticism.

At a meeting of the Council of Bradford Chamber of Commerce yesterday, the Government's scheme for making dyers' wages was discussed. A resolution was read from the Worsted Committee of Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Cheshire, expressing the opinion that no scheme can be successful unless accompanied by liberal Government support, and which would give security for some years against competition by already well-established German firms. The committee pledged itself to support any such scheme.

Mr. C. R. Hindley said the problem was not one for dyers only, but manufacturers, piece merchants, and yarn merchants, who have to take a share in the scheme. Unless the Government was most generous in the way of guaranteeing money invested, say, for twenty years, he did not think dyers would take up the Government scheme on the way which had been suggested.

Mr. H. H. Robinson, president of the council, said they had been waiting for a lead from dyers, and they had not got one yet. He suggested that a conference should be held between dyers in Bradford and district and members of the Bradford Chamber of Commerce, so that the subject could be thoroughly discussed. It was a matter of great importance to the Bradford trade.

Leeds Chamber of Commerce, at its meeting yesterday afternoon, resolved that the scheme for a national company, assisted by Government money, to develop the coal-tar industry in the United Kingdom, in the opinion of this Chamber, does not meet the difficulties of the situation, but will stifle competition and establish a monopoly. This Chamber repeats its demand for a substantial import duty on coal-tar colours to be imposed for some years after the close of the war. It is to be granted the present manufacturers would largely extend their operations; other manufacturers, British and foreign, would establish works; there would be a large increase of output; competition in the United Kingdom would ensure consumers against excessive prices; and there would be an incentive to efficient and economical manufacture.

It was stated in the discussion that if the industry were protected by a tariff, then the Germans would also be making colours in this country after the war, bringing their capital here and employing British labour. —The Telegraph. (London.)

## WAR NEWS.

## AWFUL CARNAGE BY BRITISH GUN FIRE.

London, Jan. 28.

A *communiqué* states that according to the number of German dead found on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Ypres, La Bassee, Craonne, Arras, the enemy losses were over twenty thousand on these days.

London, Jan. 28.

Paris.—A *communiqué* says the Germans announced that the Kaiser's birthday would be the occasion of a great effort but it was not turned to their advantage. It was a good day for us on the whole front. All attacks were repulsed and all French attacks progressed. We demolished enemy trenches in Belgium and the British artillery southward of Ypres swept the routes to the concentration point of German troops. There was gun and rifle fire at Arras, Albert, Roye, Noyon, and Soissons. The enemy's infantry attempted at various points to leave their trenches, but they were repulsed by force fire. The losses of the Germans on Monday and Tuesday at Craonne were certainly a brigade. German prisoners say their reverse was serious. Our total losses were eight hundred due to the severity of the fighting and the subsidiary of an old quarry. We have now regained all disputed ground.

## WAR IN THE MUD.

London, Jan. 29.

Boulogne.—The battle in the mud, near La Bassee, was the biggest affair in which the British have been engaged this year. A rapid advance into a "slough of despond," into which two months of incessant rain had turned the plain of La Bassee, was practically impossible. Consequently, the Germans decided on a dash along the La Bassee-Bethune road. The attack began with surprising force and rapidly against the trenches of a certain regiment which was unsupported, and fell back. The German vanguard, the 50th Prussian Infantry, seemed to have the brunt of the fighting on the German side.

A British regiment on the left of the captured trenches reported to their Colonel that there was something wrong. They had also to fall back to avoid being enveloped. The trenches on the right appeared to have been re-occupied for the same reason. The Germans' plan carried them along the road to the outskirts of Givenchy, where they occupied a trench, capturing half a dozen Tommies, and pushing into a town a company strong, with three officers, leaving to their reserves, of about five thousand, the task of securing the ground thus hastily covered.

## "BRITISH PERFDY."

Other British regiments were ordered to retake the lost trenches. They hounded forward knee-deep in mud and water under heavy fire—one of the queerest charges ever witnessed. It was impossible to keep any kind of line. At one point the attackers lay down to dodge the bullets, waiting for their comrades to detach themselves sufficiently from the bog to come on. The men declare that the Germans were unable to make head or tail of this method of attack. The enemy climbed out of the trenches to meet their assailants with cold steel. Then seeing them coolly lying in the mud, they leaped back into the trenches, firing a new form of British perfidy. Thus, eventually the Britishers stormed and held the trench, although many fell. The German advance along the Bethune road was an utter and expensive failure. The 5th Prussian Regiment was driven back leaving four hundred dead on the road. The German reserves were unable to come to their rescue. Our infantry, with the effective aid of the French, attempted to take the survivors of those who entered Givenchy were prisoners. They met with heavy British fire on advancing into the town, and found themselves trapped on trying to retreat, and so surrendered.

## GREAT GERMAN LOSSES.

London, Jan. 31.

Paris: The French official account of recent operations singles out, as most important the great and costly German reverse eastward of Ypres, a still costlier reverse at La Bassee, and lastly the absence of any German attack at Soissons. On other parts of the front the engagements were of secondary importance and were everywhere favourable to us.

Terrible weather conditions prevented greater efforts. Nevertheless the Allies are advancing slowly and surely and are now constantly reinforcing their advances. Their offensive power is daily increasing, consequently the Allies will make their maximum effort when they have the maximum means. All that matters is to achieve a complete result without useless sacrifices.

The Belgian army has been reconstituted with remarkable speed. Its artillery has given most valuable support.

## BRITISH FIGHT HARD.

A Frenchman describes the heavy German check at La Bassee: "Our British Allies had to face the most violent German offensive on both sides of the La Bassee canal, and the enemy simultaneously attempted a diversion at several points of our front between the Bethune road, La Bassee and Givenchy. At eight in the morning a German battalion drove the British from the trenches in front of Givenchy. After a minute later Givenchy was attacked and the enemy entered the town. The British fought hard and repulsed the attack. The Germans made a night attack but this was also repulsed and their reverse was complete. There has been a slight bending of the French line owing to the monetary falling back of the British, but we retake the lost trenches in twenty minutes. The day was a good one for the allies."

## SHARE TRANSACTIONS.

## HUSBAND AND WIFE SUED.

William Shawan, 16 Des Vaux Road, Central, sued Julia Gaskell and W. M. Gaskell, of 2, Kimberley Villas, Kowloon, in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon to recover \$369, the balance alleged to be due in respect of certain transactions in Green Island Cement Company and Luzon Sugar Refinery Co. shares.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner represented plaintiff and Mr. R. C. Faithfull appeared for the defendants.

In yesterday's issue we gave the preliminary proceedings.

THE EVIDENCE. Mr. W. Longbill, sub-manager of the Russo-Asiatic Bank, proved that \$2,100 was advanced to Mrs. Gaskell by the bank against 300 Green Island Cement Co. shares. The shares were held by the bank to Mrs. Gaskell's account, but he did not know if they had been taken up again. The loan was paid to Mr. Shawan against Mrs. Gaskell's account.

In cross-examination Mr. Faithfull put it to the witness that Mrs. Gaskell wished to recover some of the shares because Mrs. Gaskell's account was overdrawn. Witness replied that he did not know. Plaintiff said he had known defendants for twenty-five years. In July 1913, Mrs. Gaskell told him that his wife wished to buy forward some Green Island and Luzon shares. He was given to understand that she had previously held shares in these companies but that the bank had sold them and that she was anxious to replace them. As the result of this interview he prepared some contract notes and Mr. Gaskell wished to sign them, but plaintiff returned them as it had been arranged that Mrs. Gaskell should sign. Knowing Mrs. Gaskell's financial position he considered his name was not good enough. He asked Mr. Gaskell many times about the matter, but as a matter of fact Mrs. Gaskell never signed the notes. On the due date plaintiff asked Mr. Gaskell to bear the shares, and he asked witness to carry them till some time later as they were not in a position to take them. It was arranged that the Luzons should stand, but plaintiff refused to carry the Green Islands and eventually Mr. Gaskell gave him a blank transfer and the scrip which the Russo-Asiatic Bank exchanged for \$2,100 against Mrs. Gaskell's account. This money was not sufficient to cover the account shares, but left a balance of \$368.71 which was the first item in the claim. Finally in January Mr. Gaskell, after being pressed to take up the Luzons, instructed witness to recall them. They were bought at \$92.50 and sold at a loss of \$84.45 including interest. As the loss was rather heavy and it was a matter of friendship he charged no brokerage. He wrote to Mr. Gaskell several times for a confirmation of the account and payment but had received nothing.

Mr. Faithfull put to plaintiff in cross-examination that because he knew the husband's position to be that he was trying to recover from the wife though he admitted that she never signed the contract. Plaintiff replied that he did not know whether Mrs. Gaskell signed the contracts or not; they were made out in her name. He denied that he held the Green Island shares in his own name and wished to get rid of them sold them to defendants. They were bought at Mrs. Gaskell's request.

He only saw Mrs. Gaskell once, and the only letters he had received from her were letters in which she entirely repudiated the transaction and the idea that she had asked him to act as her broker.

William Henry Gaskell, an accountant, recognised two contracts. They were handed to him by Mr. Shawan, but his wife did not authorise him to accept them on her behalf. She said Mr. Shawan was a broker, and unless the shareholders of the shares were given she would have nothing to do with them, and that she would not confirm what Mr. Gaskell had done. He asked Mr. Shawan to buy 300 Green Island Cement shares on his wife's behalf, on July 13, but she refused to have any thing to do with the matter. He told Mr. Shawan what his wife had said. Subsequently he told Mrs. Gaskell that Mr. Shawan had a lot of Green Island shares which he wanted to get rid of, and Mrs. Gaskell agreed to take 300 of them, and did take them, but there was no question of brokerage. The purchase was a cash purchase of Mr. Shawan's own shares.

In reply to further question defendant observed that the term "broker" was a rather elastic phrase in this Colony. Mr. Justice Gompertz: There are said to be 10,000 Chinese brokers in Queen's Road alone!

Cross-examined by Mr. Gardiner defendant said he was not a stockbroker but he had had many share transactions on his own and his wife's behalf; the latter were cash transactions. He had had several actions with reference to shares in this court. Before he signed the contracts for Mrs. Gaskell he had no authority from her to do so, but he told Mr. Shawan that he only signed provisionally until particulars were given as to the vendors and numbers of the shares. There was nothing on the contract to show that it was only provisional and he admitted that he should not have signed it. He told Mr. Shawan that Mrs. Gaskell would not ratify it.

Mr. Gardiner: And yet in March 1914 (eight months afterwards) you wrote confirming the contract on behalf of your wife. The Lordship observed as defendant left the witness-box: "A most unsatisfactory witness" and added that he would be very loath to accept anything he said as against plaintiff's evidence.

His Lordship held that Mrs. Gaskell was not a party to the contract.

Mr. Gardiner asked for an adjournment to enable him to subpoena Mrs. Gaskell. His Lordship pointed out that if he did this Mr. Gardiner would be bound by what she said.

Mr. Faithfull admitted liability on behalf of Mrs. Gaskell.

His Lordship gave judgment against the second defendant with costs, allowing the writ to be amended to cover a breach of authority. As against Mrs. Gaskell he adjourned the action till Friday.

chy was attacked and the enemy got a foothold in the village. Immediately the British Commander ordered three counterattacks which were supported by the fire of the French artillery and at three o'clock in the afternoon all the trenches were retaken. Five times the Germans returned to the assault but were always repulsed and left hundreds dead on the field.

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## GERMANY AND FRANCE.

## FRENCH FORECAST OF PRUSSIAN AIMS.

Footnote to History.

A correspondent sends us the following extract from "Germany and France" (published in 1871), by James Hanger. The extract is from page 334 of vol. 2:—

The defeat of the First Loire Army removed the last obstacle to the realisation of Count Bismarck's long-cherished designs for the reconstitution of the German Empire. There was no longer any reasonable doubt that the campaign would be brought to a triumphant issue. The future Emperor and his heir, the representatives of some of the chief sovereign houses of Germany, and all the springs of the political and military machine were gathered around or near the historical site of Versailles. The hour had struck, and the opportunity was given, which might never return if it were neglected. These conquering soldiers were ready to raise on their shields and declare "Imperator" by acclamation the leader and representative of their prowess. The sentiment of German nationality was like iron heated to whiteness; it would take the shape which the master workman designed to impress upon it, but it must not be allowed to cool. The crisis was almost a fulfilment of a prophecy. Nearly forty years before, a distinguished Frenchman had written:—

"It is in Prussia that the political cosmopolitanism and impartiality of old have given place to national irritability and passion. It is there that the popular party has first made its peace with power. The result is, that it is that Government which in our day gives to Germany that for which she hungers most: action, real life, the social initiative. It satisfies her sudden greed for power and possession of material force."

"Prussian despotism is intelligent, stirring (remuant), enterprising. It only awaits the man who sees and knows his star at midday; its support is science, as that of other despots is ignorance. Between the people and it there is a secret understanding to postpone the question of liberty, and work in common to aggrandize the fortune of Friedrich. Beyond that—an incontestable advantage which renews a thousand faults—Prussian despotism is privileged to hold in its hand the humiliation of France, and avenge the longstanding insult of the Treaty of Westphalia; for it knows that it was it which broke at Waterloo the wings of the French eagle (l'aile de la Fortune de la France)."

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"Already one of the political assemblies has voted a contract, the immediate consequence of which is to confer on Prussia the material preponderance of all the other Germanic nations."

"This unity is not a lesser consequence of passions, such as every day crumbles down under the hand of time; it is the necessary development of the civilisation of the North."

"And we, who are so well able to appreciate the power which belongs to ideas—we rock ourselves to sleep with the notion that the idea of German Unity will never be associated with the ambition to pass from the conscience into the will, from the will into action, and thus become covetous of social power and political force."

"While we are thus dreaming, these ideas, which we fancy will for ever remain incorporated essences, have already become incarnate as the very genius of a race; and that race, subduing to the dictates of a people no more enlightened than it, but more greatly, more ardently, more practically, more experienced in the practical business of life (plus desous sus affaires). It endows its future leader with all its ambition, all its resentments and rapines; all its rules, its diplomacy, its violence, its glory, its external force."

"It is, then, Prussia that the North is preparing to become her instrument? Yes. And if the thing is allowed to go on, she will push her purpose gradually, and the end will be the destruction of the old kingdom of France."

"The whole Germanic world only awaits the opportunity. And once more, which is the nation set by Germany to say out and seize on the occasion? It is she who carries in her grasp the keys of our territory, and who has constituted herself the gainer of the fortune of France."

These words were written in 1891, by M. Edgar Quinet, who saw that his predictions were approaching their fulfilment, when, a generation later, the man appeared, whose faith in his star, and still to seize the opportunity for which Germany was waiting, "had since been the surprise and dread of Europe. The sagacity of the prophet is worthy of notice; for there was nothing obvious to the common sense of mankind to suggest such a deed in 1891. M. Quinet himself could only account for the success of his political forecast."

When he repeated his words, in 1907, by recalling occasional conversation, spoken words, a subdued fire of enthusiasm, which now and then burst into sudden flame, and as suddenly disappeared like lightning; all which may be summed up in the fact that there was a growing conviction of the approaching unification of Germany, which pressed itself on the consciousness of thoughtful men like an overshadowing power, which they instinctively felt to be of evil omen for France.

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